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Scottville residents to benefit from business redevelopment and new job opportunities

LANSING – A \$750,000 Brownfield Redevelopment Single Business Tax credit will enable the Diversified Natural Products company in Scottville to create new job opportunities for 51 West Michigan workers, Sen. Gerald Van Woerkom and Rep. David Palsrok said.

“The depth and quality of resources available in West Michigan play a major factor in attracting new businesses to the area,” said Van Woerkom, R-Norton Shores. “I applaud the efforts of the City of Scottville and Mason County in attracting a quality employer to this site.”

Diversified Natural Products plans to invest more than \$9 million to redevelop the site of a former food processing facility to build a morel mushroom production facility. Mason County will contribute to the project through the use of \$350,000 in local taxes for environmental cleanup and demolition.

“Redeveloping existing property is a great way to save green space in our communities while promoting economic growth,” Palsrok, R-Manistee, said. “Mason County has the workforce to make businesses successful.”

Companies who apply for the tax credits must qualify under criteria set by the MEDC, including the requirement for a host community to make a contribution to the project through local funds, as well as a promise to reuse existing facilities, preserve and create jobs.

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